29th March 1963]

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice.

Leave rules for teachers

* 109 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce uniform leave rules for teachers working in aided elementary schools under various agencies ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) The rules relating to Elementary Schools contain uniform provision for grant of leave to the teachers working in aided elementary schools. The managements can claim grants on the basis of the provision therein. A copy of the rules has been placed in the Legislature Library for reference.

Pension

* 110 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the rate of pension allowed to teachers of B.T. Grade retired on and after 1st July 1960;

(b) the rate of pension allowed to such teachers retired prior to that date; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to make the rate of pension uniform?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) B.T. Assistants and Headmasters who retired before 1st July 1960 were eligible for pension calculated at the rate of one rupee for each year of service subject to a maximum of Rs. 30. In the case of Headmasters, a special additional pension calculated at the rate of one rupee per year of service as headmaster, subject to a maximum of Rs. 5 was admissible. The scheme of pension has been revised with effect from 1st July 1960, under which B.T. Assistants and Headmasters retiring on or after that date will be eligible for pension like other teachers on the basis of the total years of service and the average emoluments drawn during the last three years, subject to a maximum of Rs. 60 and Rs. 75 per mensem respectively.

(c) No.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : What is the difficulty in making this pension uniform inasmuch as teachers who retired even one day earlier are drawing only half of the pension of the person who retires the next day?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Government have considered all aspects of this question and taken decisions.